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10 CENTS PER WEEK

RAZOR AND KNUCKS

This is What the Robber Said He Had for Mr. Cherry.

Bold Attempt Made to Rob the Well Known Grocer Saturday Night Early.

IT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

Mr. M. V. Cherry, the Second street grocer, after thirty years of peaceful pursuit of life and happiness in Paducah now knows how it feels to be "held up." He has gone home at all hours of the night for many years, and was never molested or halted by thieves or footpads until Saturday night.

Mr. Cherry was on his way home about 10 o'clock with a bundle under each arm and his hands in his overcoat pockets. His coat was buttoned up tight.

When he reached a point in front of Mr. L. W. Boswell's on North Fifth street between Harrison and Madison, a youth suddenly stepped out, made a grab at his throat, and gruffly exclaimed: "I've got a pair of knucks and a razor. You'd better hold up."

Mr. Cherry dodged and the highwayman's hand missed its mark, and before he could seize the merchant by the collar, Mr. Cherry had called loudly for Mr. Boswell, whose house was still lighted up.

"Don't you holler or I'll cut your d--d throat," said the would-be robber. Mr. Cherry could see something in the marauder's hand which resembled a knife or razor, and quickly shouted again for Mr. Boswell. There was an electric light on the next corner, and the footpad, probably thinking that his game was up, turned and ran without having secured a cent.

Mr. Cherry who saw him plainly in the light described him to the police and from the description it was Bitts Owen, the youth just pardoned out of the penitentiary who was arrested yesterday for holding up another man and securing 50 cents, as told elsewhere.

Mr. Cherry did not lose anything, and had a thrilling experience that he never had before in all his long and useful life, hence he will not prosecute the young man, who is alleged to have been drunk.

LONG DISTANCE.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL WIRES ARE UP TO HORSE BRANCH.

The linemen working on the long distance line between Paducah and Louisville have been somewhat delayed during the past week by the rains, but no damage is reported done by the light sleet. The linemen have reached Horse Branch, ninety-seven miles from Louisville, and from now on will be enabled to work faster, as the poles are all set and nothing remains to be done but put on the cross-pieces and string the wire. The cross-pieces are up from West Point to Louisville and when that point is reached the linemen will be in Louisville with in five days. They can average about four miles per day with the cross-pieces and wiring but where the poles have to be set, the work is delayed.

Captain P. W. Hollingsworth has returned from a trip in the interest of the Illinois Central.

THE MARKETS.

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	OPEN	CLOSE
WHEAT—		
Decer. per bush.	75 1/2	75 1/2
May.....	78	77 1/2
CORN—		
Decer.	56 1/2	55
May.....	44	43 1/2
OATS—		
Decer.	31 1/2	31 1/2
May.....	33 1/2	33 1/2
POKE—		
January....	16 7/8	16 7/8
May.....	15 7/8	15 7/8
Lard—		
January....	9 7/8	9 7/8
May.....	9 1/2	9 1/2
RIBS—		
.....	8 42	8 42
.....	8 33	8 33
STOCKS		
O.....	119	119
M.....	130 1/2	130 1/2
Am.....	83 1/2	83 1/2
.....	37 1/2	37 1/2
.....	102	102

GENEROUS DOWNPOUR

Nearly a Foot of Rain Since Last Thursday.

Since Saturday There Has Been 4.8 Inches—Washouts on the Railroads Reported.

A BIG RIVER EXPECTED

The rainfall in this section has been steady since Saturday night. All day yesterday and all last night, without respite, the water poured incessantly down, flooding the gutters and streets, and for a few hours yesterday it seemed that another sleet storm was imminent.

The water began freezing as it fell, and decorated wires, trees and houses with small pendants of ice that grew larger and larger until a heavier downpour fortunately washed it all away, and a moderation in temperature prevented further freezing.

There was considerable apprehension felt among all those connected with telephone, telegraph and electric companies, who have cause not to soon forget the disastrous storm of last January.

The telegraph companies had a few wires down, but they were not broken by sleet. Several poles were washed away, and carried down with them one or two wires of each company, but today the lines will be repaired.

The rain seems to be general, and every creek for miles around is running over its banks, pouring large volumes of water into the rivers, and causing the latter to rise rapidly. Local river men today predict that the present stage of water will be increased at least 35 feet. The river was falling slightly yesterday, but today was coming up quite rapidly, and is about 20 feet on the gauge.

The rainfall since the rain started last Thursday has been 7.9 inches in this section, and since Saturday it has been 4.8 inches. This is quite heavy for this season of the year, and insures plenty of water for the big boats.

The I. C. road has several big washouts below Memphis and No. 102 which is due here at 11:30 was at last accounts over five hours late and will be later.

The officials started a train out of Fulton on time as No. 102 to accommodate the trade between Fulton and Louisville. The regular No. 102 will not reach here before late in the afternoon. The rain is general and the biggest washouts are between Fulton and Memphis.

The N. C. and St. L. road has also been handicapped today by the rainfall. A big washout was reported between Benton and Murray, Ky., and no trains can pass over the road until the same is repaired. The early morning accommodation passenger train was annulled on this account.

One Postal business wire, that of the Chicago board of trade, was down this morning and Lineman John O'Bryan went south to find the break. All the business wires on the Illinois Central, Fulton and Louisville divisions, were down this morning and the business operators were unable to do anything for quite a while. The rain caused a pole to give away about four miles this side of Central City and the fast passenger train No. 101, which arrives in Paducah at 7:05 suffered some little damage by accident. Engineer Huntsberry was in charge of the engine and the headlight of the big machine was torn loose from the engine and lost. The pole did no further damage as it was knocked out of the way by the engine.

Great damage to the county roads is also reported. In many places the small bridges and culverts have been entirely washed away, rendering it impossible to pass in places.

This is true on the gravel as well as the dirt roads, and it is impossible to estimate the loss at present, but it will doubtless amount to many hundreds of dollars.

The carriers of the three rural routes were today able to get only a few miles from the city on account of the washouts and bad condition of the roads, and had to turn back with their

WANTS NO SCRAP

Venezuela Asks for a Peaceful Settlement of Difficulties.

Judge Fleming Gordon of Madisonville, Appointed to Succeed Judge Nunn.

MRS. WM. LINDSEY BETTER

WANT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

London, Dec. 15.—An expression of a desire for a peaceful settlement of difficulties has been received from the Venezuelan government. The under foreign secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the house of commons today that the British commander was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

MRS. LINDSEY BETTER.

Bowling Green, Dec. 15.—Mrs. William Lindsey, wife of the former United States senator from Kentucky but now a resident of New York City, has been critically ill at Washington City. News received here today by friends is to the effect that she has recovered sufficiently to be removed to "Osborne," her New York home at Fifty-seventh street, and Seventh avenue.

JUDGE NUNN'S SUCCESSOR.

Frankfort, Dec. 15.—Governor Beckham this morning appointed Hon. J. Fleming Gordon, of Madisonville, judge of the Hopkins county judicial district, to succeed Judge Thomas J. Nunn, who has been elevated to the appellate bench.

mail. The star route carriers fared little better, and none of them could reach their destination.

According to reports there was never more damage at one time to the roads than at present.

The N. C. and St. L. trains are experiencing delays on account of washouts between Paducah and Memphis. The Illinois Central has several between here and Memphis and wanted the N. C. and St. L. to handle its trains between Memphis and Jackson but the N. C. and St. L. was having too much trouble with its own. There are reported six washouts between Memphis and Paducah on the N. C. and St. L. and the morning accommodation train did not leave until nearly 11 o'clock. It was due out at 7:15.

The Cumberland Telephone company is experiencing some little trouble by the rains. The line between here and Cairo was out of order this morning for a time but was quickly repaired. The lines between Hopkinsville and Princeton were out of order and linemen were sent out to find the trouble and remedy the same. They were unable to reach the trouble on account of swollen streams and backwater and had to give up the idea of making the repairs until the wa.

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SHOTS AND SCREAMS

A Supposed Tragedy Near the Barracks Being Investigated.

Officer Evitts Finds Blood and Suspicious Looking Prints in the Soft Earth.

WILL THOROUGHLY DRAG PIT

"G—d— I'll kill you"—Bang.

A muffled scream and then bang! bang!—three shots in all.

"Now we've played h—l. We've killed her. What will we do?"

"We'll just put her in a quilt, drop some rocks into it and throw it into that pit!"

This is the conversation that was reported yesterday to Officer Tom Evitts as having been heard by a reputable man who says he will make an affidavit to it. He was in the vicinity of a dark and lonesome place near the barracks Friday night when he asserts he heard the above conversation, punctuated by pistol shots.

It sounds very melodramatic but Officer Evitts is determined to probe to the bottom of the mystery.

Saturday it was reported to him by others in that section that pistol shots and screams were heard in the vicinity of the "Round Top," but after investigating the report Officer Evitts was ready to abandon it as a hoax. Yesterday, however, he heard the name of one man who declared he heard the above conversation and shots, and upon going to him the man at first denied making them, but after being confronted by one who had heard him, he acknowledged that he did hear the above, and didn't tell it because he didn't want to get mixed up in anything of the kind.

He then took the officer to the deserted place where the tragedy is supposed to have been enacted, and there were evidences of a struggle in the soft water soaked ground with a trail of blood, which expanded into a pool in one or two places as if the burden that was being dragged towards the gravel pit was so heavy that the men were forced to rest. Near the brink of the deep pit there was quite a pool of blood, as if it accumulated while they were placing rocks into the quilt to weight it down.

Officer Evitts has gone carefully through the neighborhood, and no woman is missing so far as he could learn. Rain yesterday prevented his having the pit dragged, but just to satisfy the people of that locality who fear there may have been foul play, and dispel his own doubts he will have the pit dragged.

The prints of some object being dragged, and the blood found yesterday, were in a different place from those searched by the officer Saturday.

Mrs. G. F. Stickney left today for Thebes, Ill., to join Captain Stickney and spend the winter.

ANOTHER CLOSES OUT

Sun Life Insurance Company Absorbed by the Metropolitan.

State Tax Laws Made it Impossible for it to Live, So it Sold Out.

RESULTS IN A CHANGE HERE

An important deal affecting Paducah was consummated Saturday at Louisville by which the Sun Life Insurance company, of Kentucky, sold out its business to the Metropolitan, of New York, effective at once.

Both companies have for years been represented in Paducah, as well as in many other cities, by quite a large force of agents and solicitors, and today the following arrived here to make the transfer of business:

Walter Funk, of Cairo, general agent; R. W. Wilson and T. F. McGarthy, of East St. Louis; J. King Greif, Murphysboro, Ill.; G. M. Yost, Carbondale, Ill., and G. M. Carter of Du Quoin, Ill.

The deal was consummated Saturday at Louisville at a meeting of the stockholders of the Sun Life Insurance company, all stockholders voting to ratify the action of the company's directors in approving the offer made by the Metropolitan to transfer the former's business to the latter, which is of New York.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance company will reinsure all of the policy holders of the Sun company, without effort or trouble on the part of the policy holders. Today the Metropolitan people took charge of the Sun business.

The Metropolitan company has bought the Sun building on Walnut street near Fourth avenue in Louisville and will use it as headquarters for its force of agents. All of the Sun's agents now in the field will be retained, and all other employees of the Sun company will be retained until the business of the Sun company has been assimilated with that of the purchasing corporation.

The terms of the deal will not be made public.

Whether the stockholders of the Sun company gain or lose by it cannot be state, but there is no question that the policy holders are absolutely protected. It is understood, however, that they will come out about even.

The company failed to be profitable because of the state tax of 2 1/2 per cent, which has to come out of the 4 per cent, the highest the company can earn under the constitution. About \$100,000 was recently spent in establishing the business. The company was capitalized at \$200,000, and has assets and liabilities of nearly \$1,000,000.

The gentlemen here winding up the business of the Sun Life will from present indications be engaged in it for a week. It is estimated by the local agents of the two companies that it will require considerable time to adjust the local business to the change but it is practically settled that the business of both companies as soon as possible will be consolidated under one management, and a district be made of it, to be known as Cairo district No. 2. It has heretofore been a sub division.

Mr. James O'Rourke, the local manager of the Metropolitan, and Mr. Zeke Brown, manager of the Sun Life, will have charge of the business of the companies as consolidated, and there will probably be two assistant superintendents. In addition, the force of thirteen or more agents or solicitors will probably be increased, the Sun's corps being added to the Metropolitan's force.

COUNTY COURT.

C. B. Williamson and others deed to Vernon Blythe, for \$3,730, property near Seventh and Madison streets.

A. J. Williams of Paris, Tenn., aged 29, and Ida Jones of Mayfield, aged 29, were today licensed to wed. It will make the first marriage of both.

Attorney William Marble went to Princeton today on business.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Bitts Owen Arrested for Highway Robbery Today.

A Young Man of Rochelle, Ill., Is Charged With Grand Larceny—Both Held Over.

POLICE NEWS OF TODAY

Judge Sanders held an important session of police court this morning with two felony cases on the docket.

The most important cases were those against Neil Long and Bitts Owen, both white, the former for grand larceny and obtaining money by false pretenses, and the latter for highway robbery.

Long is a young man who claims his home in Rochelle, Ill., and has been traveling out of Chicago for a flat iron concern. He sells patent flat irons and came here from Golconda. Yesterday, it is alleged, he broke open a grip belonging to a young man named Clements of Dexter, Ky., who was stopping at the Pryor house on North Fourth street near Madison. A diamond ring and pistol were taken. The pistol was disposed of at Levy's pawn shop, and on this he is held for obtaining money by false pretenses; for grand larceny in taking the ring and pistol. Judge Sanders this morning held him over to the action of the grand jury. The diamond ring has never been recovered.

Bitts Owen is the young man who was only last week pardoned by the governor for breaking in the Goodman saloon several months ago. Owen was sent up for a term, but was fortunate enough to have friends to secure for him a pardon. Saturday night about 11 o'clock he is alleged to have held up a young man named Mark Atchison on North Eleventh street between Jefferson and Monroe. He held a big knife at Atchison's throat and demanded his money. All the young man had, 50 cents in silver and a penny enclosed in aluminum, advertising whiskey, was given him and Owen decamped. Judge Sanders held him over to the action of the grand jury under a \$300 bond.

Etalet Pryor and Lillie Samms, colored, were arraigned for fighting. The former was fined \$5 and costs and the latter dismissed.

George Hubbel, Henry Fagan, John Robinson and Bruce Gillam, all white, were fined \$1 and costs each for drunkenness.

Jim McCartney, white, was fined \$10 and costs for a breach of the peace. He used profane language towards another.

The breach of the peace case against Ed Duffot, Bud and John Elrod, all white, for engaging in a fight, was continued.

The malicious cutting case against Sam and Will Herbst was continued until tomorrow.

AN OIL WAR.

AN INTERESTING FIGHT IS LIKELY TO BE WAGED.

It is understood that there is to be a lively little local war between the Standard Oil company and an independent company with headquarters at Evansville. According to reports the latter sent an agent here last week and sold 400 barrels of oil to various merchants at a 2 cent reduction, and that when the oil is delivered to the customers the latter will be taught a lesson by the "octopus" by a reduction effective on all oil in stock that will enable merchants handling the "octopus" oil to undersell the product of the independent company, and thus cause a loss of trade or of profits to the merchants handling the independent oil. The result will be watched with unusual interest in Paducah, where such a fight is somewhat new.

ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS. Alex Williams, colored, was arrested this morning by Officer William Rogers for drunkenness.

Dave Hildeman, white, was arrested this morning by Officer Joe Woods for drunkenness.

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